



A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MARY BETH SUSMAN
for her service to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Susman was the founding chief executive officer of the Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library; and

WHEREAS, she served in that position from February 1999 through June 2001, a period marked by remarkable expansion of the KYVU/KYVL into one of the nation's leading distance learning networks; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure the KYVU received honor as a Smithsonian Institute Laureate for The Use of Technology to Improve U.S. Society and the KYVL was selected as the 2001 Outstanding Library Program of the Southeast for the Multitype Library Cooperation Award by the Southeastern Library Network; and

WHEREAS, she leaves a virtual university that serves 3,000 students a semester and a virtual library that facilitates 600,000 searches a month; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susman was instrumental in establishing the Kentucky Virtual High School, which is operated by the Kentucky Department of Education with support from KYVU/KYVL; and

WHEREAS, her untiring efforts to build partnerships both within Kentucky and beyond its borders have greatly enriched the educational opportunities available to Kentuckians in all 120 counties; and

WHEREAS, there is no shortage of laudatory adjectives to describe the way she did her work, including: resolute, cheerful, determined, indefatigable, creative, persuasive, and funny; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susman has left Kentucky to return to her home in Colorado, much to our regret;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council on Postsecondary Education does hereby adopt this resolution July 30, 2001, acknowledging the great contribution of Mary Beth Susman as the founding chief executive officer of the Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library, thanking her for her leadership of this important and successful undertaking, and wishing her continued success as a leader in American higher education.

Charles Whitehead, Chair

Gordon K. Davies, President